**Drinking water problem in Sarojini Nagar and laxmi Bai Nagar**

†1550. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of drinking water in Government quarters situated in Sarojini Nagar and Laxmi Bai Nagar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is not possible to get water on first floor quarters without using water pumping set;

(c) whether it is also a fact that sewage mixed water was supplied to Tpye-III and IV quarters of Laxmi Bai Nagar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to check supply of contaminated water in future?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Water is supplied at pressure of 30 to 35 lbs/sq. inch for an hour and a half, morning and evening. This pressure is adequate to lift the water upto first floor level.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

**Inclusion of Gwalior in the NCR**

†1551. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is being demanded since long to include Gwalior city of Madhya Pradesh in the National Capital Region; and

(b) if so, Government's view in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Government of Madhya Pradesh had in July, 2000 proposed for inclusion of Gwalior in National Capital Region (NCR).

(b) Inclusion of additional areas was considered as part of exercise

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for preparation of the Regional Plan 2021. The Study Group on Policy Zones, Demographic Profiles and Settlement Pattern, constituted by the National Capital Region Planning Board for this purpose, considered the matter in the overall perspective and recommended that the area of National Capital Region may not be further extended at least upto the year 2021. Since the area of National Capital Region needs to be co-terminus with the district boundaries the Group recommended extension of the area to cover the entire Alwar district only. The recommendations of the Study Group were considered and approved by the National Capital Region Planning Board in its meeting held on 16.1.2004.

It may be mentioned, however, that Gwalior has been identified as one of the Counter Magnet towns which are intended to act as interceptors of future migratory flows and as regional centres for growth, and is provided loan assistance by the NCR Planning Board for infrastructure development.

**Metro Rail**

1552. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Delhi Metro Rail would be fully operational;

(b) the names of other metro cities chosen for assistance by his Ministry in the projects of Metro Rail and at what cost;

(c) the projected dates of completion of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) Delhi MRTS Phase I is scheduled to be completed by March, 2006.

(b) and (c) A proposal has been received from the State Government of Karnataka for a Metro Rail Project for Bangalore city at an estimated cost of Rs. 6296 crore. Request for Central assistance has been made. The implementation period of the project is five years from the date of its commissioning. There are no other firm proposals at present.